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Update

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ERAU, DBIA open unique weather, flight tracking information center

Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA) visitors now have access to a state-of-the-art Weather and Flight Tracking Information Center to track flights and monitor weather conditions from the airport's domestic terminal lobby.

"To my knowledge, this is the first center of its kind available to airport visitors," said Dennis McGee, DBIA's director of aviation. "It's a result of the airport's *Teaching Airport* partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). The students will run the center."

ERAU, in partnership with DBIA, officially opened the Weather and Flight Tracking Information Center March 31 in the airport lobby.

Operated by ERAU undergraduates majoring in aeronautical science, air traffic management, and aviation business administration programs, the center provides real time aviation weather and flight tracking information. Using direct feeds from the Federal Aviation Administration and the

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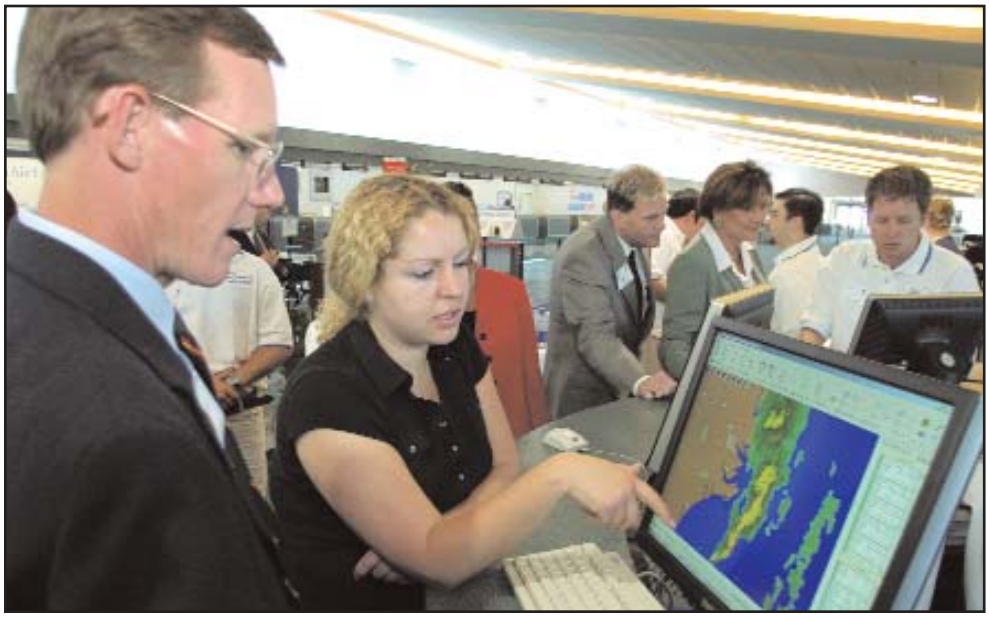

DBIA TRAVELERS HAVE PRECISE WEATHER, FLIGHT TRACKING DATA
ERAU student Liz Ginzburg shows County Council member Joe Jaynes how it works

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT – President George Bush and First Lady Laura landed at Daytona Beach International Airport on their way to the Daytona 500 in February.

Delta Air Lines to add second flight to Cincinnati

Delta Air Lines is adding a second daily nonstop daily flight between Daytona Beach and Cincinnati effective June 1.

The new flight by Delta Connection carrier Comair will use Delta's 50-passenger Bombardier CRJ regional jet. The new flight will depart Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport at 10:55 p.m. and arrive in Daytona Beach at 12:56 a.m. The aircraft will depart Daytona Beach at 6:05 a.m. and arrive in Cincinnati at 8:15 a.m.

Delta serves 120 cities per day through its Cincinnati hub. The airport plans to work with Delta on a major promotional effort to build public awareness of the expanded service.

Security facilities, meeting space, food service improvements under way

If you have been to Daytona Beach International Airport lately you may have noticed changes taking place. Outside, steel and concrete are in place for a new security screening area. Inside, remodeling in certain areas will support more TSA offices, meeting space and new food and beverage operations.

"We are adding about 8,700 square feet to support security operations," said Steve Cooke, Director of Business Development for Daytona Beach International Airport. A new federally-funded security screening area is being added near the current area.

"The new configuration will accommodate two lines of passengers moving through the security process simultaneously," said Jack Abbott, Transportation Security Administration Administrative Officer and former DBIA Operations Manager. "It is designed to accommodate a third line of passengers in the future, if needed."

New offices also are being created for TSA officials who now occupy office space behind ticketing areas. This will free space for airlines being recruited by DBIA. Airport officials said they are optimistic concerning potential daily nonstop Charlotte service with US Airways that may occur late this year. There also has been some encouraging conversation about new service to New York aboard jetBlue Airways.

Construction at the airport also will yield more space for the Volusia Room and adjacent prefunction area at DBIA. In its new 3,400-square-foot configuration, the Volusia Room, which is the site of many community meetings, will be able to accommodate groups of more than 100.

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY ON TSA OFFICES, SCREENING AREA
Changes also to occur at DBIA's restaurant and meeting facilities

The construction at DBIA also includes a total makeover of the food and beverage operations and facilities.

MSE International of Florida, LLC, Atlanta, an experienced concessionaire with extensive operations in malls, shopping centers and also the Akron/Canton Airport near Cleveland, will take over the food and beverage operation which now is being operated by the airport.

MSE is planning a new look for the food and beverage areas at DBIA, more in keeping with the kind of convenience and variety found at leading airports. For example, airport patrons soon will be able to enjoy Famous Nathan's Hot Dogs. Coffee lovers will appreciate the new Java Coast Coffee Shop. Buckhead Grill will offer a variety of sandwiches and light fare featuring Boar's Head products. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream also promises to be a popular stop for airport patrons.

MSE Brands will invest $150,000 in improvements, Cooke said. Completion is anticipated by late summer.

Air Service

Daytona Beach International Airport

Daytona Beach International Airport offers scheduled flights with connections to all world-wide destinations

n Nonstop
l Direct
m Major connections

Flight data

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National Weather Service, the center tracks civil aircraft within the national airspace system, with particular focus on flights to and from DBIA. This information provides the public with greater knowledge of arriving and departing flights. In addition, the center provides precise descriptions of current and forecast weather conditions throughout the United States, including real time updates of satellite, radar, and other weather illustrations.

The information center is a product of the *Teaching Airport*, a partnership between Embry-Riddle and the Airport. The mission of the *Teaching Airport* is to enhance the knowledge base of airport operations and management, and to support the growth and development of high-technology aviation and aerospace-related education and research.

Passenger traffic at DBIA up 18 percent during last 12 months

Passenger traffic at Daytona Beach International Airport continues to soar.

For the 12-month period ending in April, passenger traffic rose 18 percent from 502,914 to 592,780 travelers. The 27 percent passenger traffic increase in April continued the Airport's positive trend of consecutive monthly traffic increases that began in late 2002.

"We are extremely pleased with the continuing growth in passenger numbers," said Airport Director Dennis McGee. "I am optimistic this trend will continue and I think we'll see additional airline service this year."

During March the county-operated airport experienced an 11 percent increase in arriving and departing passengers; February's increase was 11 percent, and January's increase was 8 percent.

McGee pointed out that airline load factors are very strong which is an important indicator of market strength. This is an important point when talking to airlines about additional service at Daytona Beach.

Fares at Daytona Beach International Airport remain competitive with other airports in the region.

EASY COME. EASY GO.
A free courtesy shuttle is one of many conveniences offered to travelers at DBIA

CANCUN LAGOON IS AIRPORT'S NEWEST RESTAURANT
The locally-owned eatery is a tenant at the airport

Mexican themed restaurant opens on airport property

The locally-owned Cancun Lagoon Mexican-themed restaurant opened on airport property February 23.

Cancun Lagoon occupies the property previously leased to Rio Bravo Mexican Cantina. The property is owned by Daytona Beach International Airport.

"We are thrilled Cancun Lagoon has created this new restaurant and wish them the greatest success," said Stephen Cooke, DBIA director of business development.

The newest Mexican food restaurant in Daytona Beach, Cancun Lagoon features a complete bar and lunch and dinner specials. Cancun Lagoon is owned by a group of local businessmen.

Three hangars under way for Jet Center at DBIA

The Daytona Beach Jet Center, operated by Sheltair of Volusia County Inc., is building three corporate hangars as part of its facilities at Daytona Beach International Airport.

Ranging from 6,000-10,000 square feet including office areas, the hangars are expected to be finished this fall and will enable the Jet Center to expand the number of corporate aircraft and jets based at the airport. Later this year, the company also plans to construct a 6,000-square-foot executive terminal facility and additional aircraft hangars.

New taxiway access via Taxiway "W" and other required infrastructure including an aircraft parking ramp, utility extensions and vehicle parking areas were critical to the project. These were funded by federal and state grants.

The Sheltair Group provides a full range of fixed based operator services at Ft. Lauderdale International Airport, Orlando Executive Airport, Jacksonville International Airport and Daytona Beach International Airport with fueling services provided at the Miami International Airport.

B-29 visit brings back memories of war years

Yelvington Jet Aviation at the airport hosted an exhibit March 25-30 of a fully restored Boeing B-29 Superfortress Strategic Bomber from the World War II era. The visit was sponsored by the American Airpower Heritage Foundation and the Commemorative Air Force Flying Museum.

The B-29 is equipped with four Wright Cyclone 18-Cylinder 2,200 HP engines and was designed to have a range of 3,700-4,700 miles (depending on fuel and bomb load) with a service ceiling of 33,000 feet. Used primarily in the later days of World War II in the war with Japan, the B-29 was the aircraft used to drop the atomic bomb on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which led to the unconditional surrender of the Empire of Japan on August 15, 1945.

"It was a real honor for us to be able to host such an important part of our nation's history," said Chadd Collins, Yelvington Jet Aviation general manager.

B-29 PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN OUTCOME OF WORLD WAR II
This is a view from the cockpit of restored American fighter plane

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